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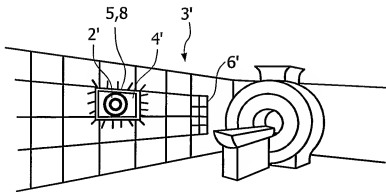
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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to storage space (3) for elements (2) which are used in a medical activity, comprising a plurality of partitions (4) which are each dedicated to receiving a certain type of element (2) assigned to a predetermined medical activity, a user interface (6) for selecting a preferred medical activity from a plurality of medical activities, wherein each partition (4) comprises signalling means (5) which provide a signal, dependent on the selected medical activity, to indicate the correct element (2) to be used for the selected activity.

In this manner the medical staff is offered 'intelligent' management of medical accessories and space, which helps the staff in organizing elements in an efficient and timesaving manner. In addition, a more flexible working environment contributes to the clinical staff feeling freer at work.

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1. claims: 1-8, 11

System for storing items which are used in a medical activity

2. claims: 9-10

MRI-device using different types of magnetic coils for different examination procedures, comprising means for reading data into an identifier comprised in each coil, and means for indicating a correct position of said coil relative to the device for the specific examination procedure.

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